

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S. 151, TRACED Act, as amended.

Senate passed H.R. 2157, Supplemental Appropriations Act, as amended.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3065–S3137

Measures Introduced: Sixty-nine bills and eight resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1627–1695, and S. Res. 219–226. **Pages S3104–07**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2019”. (S. Rept. No. 116–42)

S. Res. 135, expressing the gratitude and appreciation of the Senate for the acts of heroism and valor by the members of the United States Armed Forces who participated in the June 6, 1944, amphibious landing at Normandy, France, and commending those individuals for leadership and bravery in an operation that helped bring an end to World War II, and with an amended preamble. **Page S3104**

Measures Passed:

TRACED Act: By 97 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 127), Senate passed S. 151, to deter criminal robocall violations and improve enforcement of section 227(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S3075–77**

Supplemental Appropriations Act: By 85 yeas to 8 nays (Vote No. 129), Senate passed H.R. 2157, making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S3084–85**

Adopted:

McConnell (for Shelby/Leahy) Amendment No. 250, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S3084**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 84 yeas to 9 nays (Vote No. 128), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having

voted in the affirmative, pursuant to section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and the waiver provisions of applicable budget resolutions, Senate agreed to the motion to waive all applicable sections of the Act and applicable budget resolutions with respect to the bill, as amended. **Page S3084**

National Public Works Week: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 213, designating the week of May 19 through May 25, 2019, as “National Public Works Week”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S3127**

Vision To Learn: Senate agreed to S. Res. 222, recognizing Vision To Learn as a national leader in improving access to prescription eyeglasses for students in low-income communities, thereby helping those students succeed in school, and for providing vision exams to 200,000 students since its founding. **Pages S3116–17**

DIPG Pediatric Brain Cancer Awareness Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 223, expressing support for the designation of May 17, 2019, as “DIPG Pediatric Brain Cancer Awareness Day” to raise awareness of and encourage research on diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma tumors and pediatric cancers in general. **Page S3117**

National Nurses Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 224, supporting the goals and ideals of National Nurses Week, to be observed from May 6 through May 12, 2019. **Page S3117**

International Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Awareness Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 225, supporting the goals of International Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Awareness Day. **Pages S3117–18**

National Foster Care Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 226, recognizing National Foster Care Month as

an opportunity to raise awareness about the challenges of children in the foster care system, and encouraging Congress to implement policy to improve the lives of children in the foster care system.

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Republic of the Marshall Islands: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 3, recognizing the rich history, heritage, and strategic importance of the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Marshallese population residing in the United States, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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National Flood Insurance Program: Senate passed S. 1693, to reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program.

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Congressional Budget—Agreement: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1332, to set forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2020 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2021 through 2029.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, May 23, 2019, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, June 3, 2019.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m. on Monday, June 3, 2019, Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill; and that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII, the cloture motions filed during the session of Thursday, May 23, 2019 ripen at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, June 3, 2019.

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Indian Water Rights Settlement Extension Act—Referral: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be discharged from further consideration of S. 886, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to make the Reclamation Water Settlements Fund permanent, and the bill be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

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Pro Forma Sessions—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Senate adjourn, to then convene for pro forma sessions only, with no business being conducted on the following dates and times, and that following each pro forma session, the Senate adjourn until the next pro forma session: Friday, May 24, 2019, at 9:45 a.m.; Tuesday, May 28, 2019, at 11:30 a.m.; Friday, May 31, 2019, at 10:30 a.m.; and that when the

Senate adjourns on Friday, May 31, 2019, it next convene at 3 p.m., on Monday, June 3, 2019.

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Saul Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Andrew M. Saul, of New York, to be Commissioner of Social Security.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of S. 1332, to set forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2020 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2021 through 2029.

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Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination.

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Schenker Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of David Schenker, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Near Eastern Affairs).

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Combs Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Susan Combs, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

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Holte Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Ryan T. Holte, of Ohio, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims. **Page S3087**

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Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S3087**

Alston Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Rossie David Alston, Jr., of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia. **Page S3087**

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Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Ryan T. Holte, of Ohio, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims. **Pages S3087 –88**

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Hertling Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Richard A. Hertling, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims. **Page S3088**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Rossie David Alston, Jr., of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia. **Page S3088**

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Baranwal Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Democratic Leader, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Rita Baranwal, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Nuclear Energy); and that Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, with no intervening action or debate, and that no further motions be in order.

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

William Bookless, of California, to be Principal Deputy Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration.

Christopher Fall, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office of Science, Department of Energy.

Richard C. Parker, of North Carolina, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

John Barsa, of Florida, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Michael J. Fitzpatrick, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ecuador.

James S. Gilmore, of Virginia, to be U.S. Representative to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, with the rank of Ambassador.

Jeffrey Ross Gunter, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iceland.

Michael G. Bailey, of Arizona, to be United States Attorney for the District of Arizona for the term of four years.

William Travis Brown, Jr., of Louisiana, to be United States Marshal for the Middle District of Louisiana for the term of four years.

Eric S. Gartner, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania for the term of four years.

Brent R. Bunn, of Idaho, to be United States Marshal for the District of Idaho for the term of four years.

Timothy J. Downing, of Oklahoma, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma for the term of four years.

Michael Blaine East, of North Carolina, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of North Carolina for the term of four years.

Bridget A. Brink, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Slovak Republic.

John Jefferson Daigle, of Louisiana, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cabo Verde.

Matthew S. Klimow, of New York, to be Ambassador to Turkmenistan.

Kate Marie Byrnes, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of North Macedonia.

8 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
132 Army nominations in the rank of general.

15 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

6 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Foreign Service, Marine Corps, and Navy.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

LaJuana S. Wilcher, of Kentucky, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation.

Brian Callanan, of New Jersey, to be General Counsel for the Department of the Treasury.

Brent James McIntosh, of Michigan, to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury.

Erin Elizabeth McKee, of California, to be Ambassador to the Independent State of Papua New Guinea, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Solomon Islands and Ambassador to the Republic of Vanuatu.

Stephen R. Bough, of Missouri, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation for a term expiring December 10, 2021.

Elizabeth J. Shapiro, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of

the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Scott A. Mugno, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor, which was sent to the Senate on January 16, 2019.

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—129)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:34 p.m., until 9:45 a.m. on Friday, May 24, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3128.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of David Fabian Black, of North Dakota, to be Deputy Commissioner of Social Security, and Emin Toro, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court.

ARIA IN ACTION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy concluded a hearing to examine the Asia Reassurance Initiative Act in action, focusing on the benefits of economic diplomacy, after receiving testimony from Carlyle Currier, Colorado Farm Bureau, Centennial; and Matthew P. Goodman, Center for Strategic and International Studies, and Joanna I. Lewis, Georgetown University Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, both of Washington, D.C.